Form **8937**
(December 2011)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-2224

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name INLAND WESTERN RETAIL REAL ESTATE TRUST, INC.	2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) 42-1579325
3 Name of contact for additional information ROBERT BEESLEY	4 Telephone No. of contact 630-218-8000
5 Email address of contact ir@inland-western.com	
6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact 2901 BUTTERFIELD ROAD	7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact OAK BROOK, IL 60523
8 Date of action JULY 11, 2011	9 Classification and description COMMON STOCK
10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number(s)
12 Ticker symbol	13 Account number(s)

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ On July 11, 2011 ("Distribution Date"), Inland Western Retail Real Estate Trust, Inc. ("IWEST") paid a distribution in the amount of $0.0625 per share to its shareholders of record at the close of business June 30, 2011.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ A portion of the distribution paid on the Distribution Date may not be paid out of IWEST's earnings and profits and thus may be considered a non-dividend distribution. A non-dividend distribution will reduce the shareholder's adjusted tax basis of IWEST stock.

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ On the Distribution Date, IWEST cannot determine the percentage of the distribution that is considered a non-dividend distribution. At the close of the current tax year, IWEST will calculate its earnings and profits, which will determine the percentage of distributions paid out of earnings and profits and the percentage of non-dividend distributions.

Part II **Organizational Action** (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶

Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") Section 301(c) states the portion of the distribution which is a dividend (defined in IRC Section 316) is taxable and the portion of the distribution which is not a dividend shall be applied against and reduce adjusted basis of the stock.

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ **Pursuant to IRC Section 311, a distributing corporation will not recognize a loss on a non-liquidating distribution of property. A shareholder receiving a non-liquidating distribution of property from a corporation will not recognize any loss on such non-liquidating distribution of property.**

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ **The final computation of earnings and profits for the tax year ended December 31, 2011 will be computed during January 2012. At such time, the percentage of the distributions paid out of earnings and profits and the percentage of non-dividend distributions will be computed and disseminated to the shareholders of IWEST.**

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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature ▶ [signature] Date ▶ 1/15/12

Print your name ▶ **ROBERT BEESLEY** Title ▶ **AVP - TAX DIRECTOR**

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